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# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



**O**ur Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever-mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive to respond to the needs of all -- to bring about joy and spiritual growth. We open our hearts to the poor and vulnerable. We promote peace and justice for all. We are committed to be active stewards of God's creation, to preserve the beauty of nature and our surroundings and be ever grateful for His bountiful blessings.

PASTOR  
Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*Good News* *dear Padre*

*OLS News*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) Isaiah 43:16–21 / Philippians 3:8–14 / John 8:1–11**

Sometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves.

All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life. Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By His life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference.

So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as He would act, to love as He would love. It is God at work in us

—Father Joseph Juknialis

**Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.**

*A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?*

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the Paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the Paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (mandatum) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross.

Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days.

—The Redemptorists

**Join Pope Francis and Catholics worldwide in praying the Pope’s Prayer Intention for April: “Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.”**

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

\*Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The 2nd Collection this weekend, April 5th-6th, is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your help!

The Men’s Group will meet this Tues. April 8th at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. Please join us!

\*There will be NO 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday, April 9th, Thursday, April 10th and Friday, April 11th.

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday—

Sat. Apr. 12th Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sun. Apr. 13th Mass: 9:30 AM

Holy Thursday—

Thur. April 17th Mass: 6:00 PM

Good Friday—

Fri. April 18th: Stations at 2:30 PM with Passion to follow

Holy Saturday—

Sat. April 19th Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday—

Sun. April 20th Mass: 9:30 AM

Easter Lilies: If you wish to donate Easter Lilies for the altar, please bring them to the church between Tues. Apr. 15th and Fri. Apr. 18th. The church will be open on those days. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament take place every Friday during Lent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 4:30 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 5pm.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.



### Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

#### No Meat Fridays

As we continue our Lenten journey, another act that Catholics do during the season of Lent is abstaining from eating flesh meat on Fridays. I once was told by a friend that he "does not believe in giving up meat on Fridays," and fair enough, because the practice of abstaining from meat is not really a matter of belief, but rather a matter of communion and discipline.

The practice of abstaining from meat has developed in our tradition as a recognition that on Good Friday, our Lord sacrificed His flesh for us and so we refrain from eating flesh meat in honor of him on Fridays. Giving up meat is a way for the Church to urge the faithful to have a communal penance during Lent: Together, as one Catholic people, we are united in doing a penitential act in this very special time of sacrifice and reconciliation with the Lord. Although eating meat on a Friday does not necessarily mean you committed a grave sin by rejecting the Church's doctrine; it does mean, however, that you have either forgotten or refused to participate in this united action of the Catholic people.

Remember, Lent is a special time for us to reexamine our lives to not only reconcile with God, but with our neighbors as well. Abstaining from meat for a time may not seem like a "big deal" in terms of the Church's beliefs, but it is a way for us to be in communion with the Church as a whole, and therefore contribute to the unity of Christ's body here on earth.

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 23rd:	\$ 814.00
Maintenance	\$ 840.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 700.00
Brick Donation	\$ 100.00

### --- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

#### Eucharistic Ministers\*      Lector

**SAT. 5:00 PM**      **Lani Hovland**      **Pat Didier**  
 \* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      **Julie Chavez**      **Larry Gibbs**  
 \* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

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### Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Karen Klemek †	Cindee & Mitchell
Joe Beuchat	Alma Kopernik	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	Diana Pallari †
Claudia Caramella †	Lou Ann Martin †	Miguel Pena †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Kerry Phillips †
Al & Estelle	Priscilla McEfee †	Linda & Dennis
Cartlidge	Jack & Mary	Porter
Reuben Chavez †	Meissner ††	Janet Saitone †
Ron & Fran Dennis	Diane & Larry	Lori Sinclair
Mary Deveny †	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Dolores Gard †	Fran Moale †	Rikki Taddei
Paul Gray †	Dante Najera †	Marcella Unalles †
Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan	Ruby Vocke †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien † †	John Willhoit
Jane † & Reed	Kathy O'Donnell	Mike Willhoit
Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswold †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly		† indicates deceased

### Weekly Mass Intentions

April 5	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Claudia Caramella †</b>
April 6	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Cindee &amp; Mitchell Padula ††</b>
April 7	Monday	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
April 8	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b>Francis Kalin †</b>
April 9	Wednesday	—	<b>No Mass</b>
April 10	Thursday	—	<b>No Mass</b>
April 11	Friday	—	<b>No Mass</b>

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Your schedule for Holy Week—*Thanks for all that you do to serve our Church and the Lord!*

- **April 12th, Palm Sunday 5 pm** VIGIL Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia Riggins and Volunteer; Lectors: Nita Jimenez (Lector), Pat Didier (Narrator), Volunteer (Voice)
- **April 13th, Palm Sunday 9:30 am** Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Chavez and Carolyn Willhoit; Lectors: Steve DeWitt (Lector), Larry Gibbs (Narrator), Mike Willhoit (Voice)
- **April 17th Holy Thursday 6 pm** Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Chavez and Carolyn Willhoit; Lector: Mike Willhoit
- **April 18th Good Friday:** Eucharistic Minister: Julie Chavez
- **April 19th Easter Vigil:** Eucharistic Minister: Kitty DeWitt; Lectors: Steve DeWitt, Larry Gibbs, and Jeffrey Janus

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.